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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3067**  
Kazutoshi AIDA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0304A  
Serial No. 10/530,276 : Group Art Unit 2627  
Filed April 5, 2005 : Examiner Michael V. Battaglia

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 5, 2007, the Examiner identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species A, drawn to Fig. 1. Claims 1, 6-12 and 33 are readable on the elected species. It is noted that claim 1 is generic.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application. Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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